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Marginal Column

By EPHY LAQUEUR

SEVERAL Israel authors and journalists have had the opportunity to tour parts of the Soviet Union, the East European countries and China in recent months, and their impressions are being published in the local press. In view of the scarcity of first-hand observations from those parts, almost every one of these travel jogs is at least of some interest and the reports have rightly attracted attention. The longest series of articles came from Mr. H. Shurer, the editor of "Davar"; several of these have appeared in *The Jerusalem Post*, and there is no need to elaborate on them. However, his reports have been received in a rather unfriendly manner by the local Communist daily, which has published about fifty replies and rebuttals denying most of the things Mr. Shurer said, and several he had not said. The most succinct and convincing of the arguments we saw came from Dr. Sneh, who wrote that the name Shurer had all sorts of sinister connotations in Hebrew. And what could one possibly expect from a man with a name like that?

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MISS Leah Goldberg, the well-known poetess and writer, went to the Soviet Union with the Democratic Women (an auxiliary of the local C.P.) against the advice of her own party, Mapam. Mr. Samet, a reporter for "Ha'aretz," went to Poland, also apparently as an invited guest, and visited several other East European countries on the way. Their reports include interesting details, and their impressions on the whole are very favourable; there is much light and little shadow in the pictures painted by them. Nevertheless, both, and especially Miss Goldberg, have been singled out for violent attacks in the local Communist daily, the latter on three major and several minor points. The major charges against Miss Goldberg are that she wrote that the impression of the Moscow subway was indeed overwhelming, but that the architecture was too florid for her taste and that she preferred the more modest and functional Stockholm metro. Miss Goldberg also had the cheek to doubt the second part of a statement made by her guide in a *Kolkhoz* that machine milking of cows was widely used in Russia but was unknown in backward Israel. (For lack of space we have to omit her lesser offences.) For these and similar statements, Miss Goldberg has now been accused of spreading "objective poison," and her friends replying to the charges have been very bitter about it. It is somewhat difficult to understand their sour reaction; Miss Goldberg after all must have known what kind of delegation she was joining. Visitors may be told that they are requested to tell the truth, and nothing but the truth, and that criticism is both permitted and desirable. Didn't she really understand that this is only a figure of speech, and did she forget the elementary rule which says that guests are not expected to criticize their hosts, especially if the latter are sensitive to criticism? Naiveté, in any case is no extenuating circumstance in politics.

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MRS. Dvora Bat-Israel, who went to China with the recent Israel delegation, successfully managed to evade that pitfall; there is nothing in her reports in the "Davar" to offend her hosts. Her impressions somehow recall Ambassador Davies' "Mission to Moscow," though Mrs. Bat-Israel is probably the more accomplished writer. As the wife of a diplomat, and one who, for all we know, may be stationed one day in Peking, it is quite in order that she should exert so much self-restraint and censorship. But the value of reports written under such conditions is very questionable — to put it mildly. It is undoubtedly hard on envoys or their wives and children with a literary vein to see so many interesting things and be prevented from telling their stories.

Jerusalem, April 10.

Austrian Treaty Possible, USSR Tells West

MOSCOW, Saturday (Reuter). — Russia told the Western powers today that the conclusion of a state treaty with Austria should be possible in the near future "given the appropriate desire on the part of all interested states."

A surprise Soviet note handed to the three Western envoys by Foreign Minister V.M. Molotov two days before Russia opens talks with Austria said, "The Soviet Government considers that an exchange of opinions in Moscow with the representative of the Austrian Government will help to advance the settlement of the Austrian question."

The note added that at the Berlin conference in 1954, the Soviet Government had put forward proposals for a speedy settlement of the Austrian question and for measures aimed at avoiding a new *anschluss* (union with Germany) in Austria, the setting up of foreign military bases on Austrian territory or the inclusion of Austria in any coalition or military alliance directed against any power which took part in the war against Germany and the liberation of Austria. However, the Austrian question remained unsettled after the Berlin conference.

Last August, the Soviet Government proposed that Ambassadors of the four powers and Austria should consider the question again, but this conference was unfortunately not convened, the Soviet note declared.

It went on: "Ascribing great significance to the settlement of the Austrian question to the reestablishment of an independent, democratic Austria in accordance with the interests of maintaining and strengthening peace in Europe, and regarding as undesirable any further delay in the conclusion of the peace treaty with Austria, the Soviet Government, on February 8 this year, put forward their new proposals on the Austrian question.

"These proposals are directed at putting an end to the present abnormal situation in which the question of a peace treaty with Austria is still not settled as Austria continues to be under the control of the occupation organs of the four powers 10 years after liberation from the Hitlerite yoke...

"It is relevant to recall that already at the Berlin conference in February, 1954, the Soviet Government proposed to return not later than in 1955 to a consideration of the question of timing the withdrawal of the forces of the four powers from the territory of Austria," the note said.

New Persian Cabinet Presented to Shah

TEHERAN, Saturday (Reuter). — Mr. Hussein Ala will combine the functions of Premier, Court Minister and Minister of Justice in the Cabinet which he presented to the Shah today.

His Ministers are: Finance — Dr. Ali Amini, Foreign Affairs — Mr. Abdullah Entezam, Health — Dr. Johan Shah Salem, Interior — Assodollah Ala, Posts and Telegraph — Ghassen Ashraghi, Agriculture — Khalil Falenghani, Labour — Mohessen Nasser, Roads — Gen. Vali Anasari, National Economy — Esrahi Kashani, and Education — Mahmoud Mehran.

Mr. Ala will present his Cabinet and programme to the Majlis (Lower House) tomorrow. Under the present arrangements, he will follow his predecessor to Europe tomorrow for medical examination.

Ex-Premier Gen. Fazlollah Zahedi, who resigned on Thursday, was still in Beirut today suffering from gout in his right leg. He will leave in another two days for Geneva and Hamburg for medical treatment.

Archbishop on Reports Of Margaret's Marriage

GRAHAMSTOWN, Saturday (Reuter). — The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, denied here today that he used the words "there is no truth in the rumour" when asked at Capetown on Thursday whether Princess Margaret and Group Captain Peter Townsend were to marry.

Dr. Fisher said he had replied "no comment" to a question about the rumour, which he called a stunt — "and a most offensive one at that" — by a few English newspapers.

The Archbishop spoke to reporters at Capetown on his arrival for a two-month visit to Central and East Africa.

Negev Beduin Pair Caught Smuggling

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — Two Israel Beduin from the El-Hussein tribe, suspected of smuggling, were arrested by Israel security forces yesterday.

The two were leading a flock of sheep from Jordan into Israel territory.

When they saw the security patrol approaching, they managed to drive the sheep back to the demarcation line, where Jordanian smugglers, who had been waiting there, took the flock back. The pair tried in vain to escape.

ISRAEL AMBASSADOR REACHES MOSCOW

LONDON, Saturday (UP). — The Israel Ambassador, Aluf Joseph Avidar, arrived in Moscow yesterday. Moscow Radio said that he was met at the airport by the Deputy Chief of Protocol of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. A. N. Kapusin, and the diplomatic staff of the Israel Embassy.

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USSR Moves to Cancel British, French Pacts

MOSCOW Saturday (Reuter). — The Soviet Union has started the process of cancelling her war-time friendship treaties with Britain and France on the grounds that they have violated their pledges by deciding to rearm Western Germany, it was announced here today.

The Council of Ministers has put forward a cancellation proposal of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, which appears certain to approve it within a few weeks.

Russia has repeatedly said that she would terminate these treaties of mutual assistance and co-operation if the West went through with the Paris Agreements which give sovereignty to West Germany and provide for German forces in Western defence.

The treaty with Britain was signed in 1942, and that with France in 1944. Each was to run for 20 years.

Today's Soviet announcement made to a Press conference at the Foreign Ministry said that the Paris Agreements provided for the remilitarisation of Western Germany "and its involvement in military grouping directed against the Soviet Union."

It was learned later that Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov had made no mention of the decision to annul the Anglo-Soviet treaty when Sir William Hayter, the British Ambassador, called on him only three hours before the announcement.

"Violation of Friendship"

Approval of these agreements was a direct violation of the friendship treaties with Russia under which the parties had pledged themselves to take joint measures "to prevent the possibility of new German aggression not to conclude any alliances and not to take part in any coalition alliances and not to take part in any coalitions directed against one of the contracting parties."

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, which is the executive body of the Soviet parliament, meets frequently and is certain to accept the proposal. It may be expected to approve it within a few weeks.

In Paris today, a Foreign Ministry spokesman stated that France considered the Soviet move towards cancelling the Franco-Soviet treaty unjustified by any development in French diplomacy. The Paris Agreements to which the Soviet Union objected contained clauses limiting and controlling the production of armaments, the spokesman said.

He added that there was nothing new in the announcement that the first steps have been taken towards cancelling the treaties.

Britain Deplores

Britain deplores the Soviet action in taking steps to annul the Anglo-Soviet and Franco-Soviet treaties, a Foreign Office spokesman said today in London. He recalled that in its January 26 note to Russia, the British Government had said that it still believed the Anglo-Soviet treaty could make "an important contribution" to relations between the two countries and to European security in general.

In Washington, the State Department spokesman, Mr. Henry Suydam stated that there appeared to be nothing new or unexpected in the announcement that the Soviet Union was taking the first steps to cancel its wartime treaties with Britain and France.

In Berlin, sources close to the Soviet High Commission said that the imminent cancellation of the friendship treaties must not be taken as a withdrawal of the friendly hand the Premier Nikolai Bulganin extended to the West on March 26 when he publicly welcomed President Eisenhower's proposal for an early Big Power meeting to ease world tension.

Molotov Hails Eden On New Appointment

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Viacheslav Molotov, yesterday congratulated Sir Anthony Eden on his appointment as Prime Minister. A telegram in which Mr. Molotov said, "Allow me to express to you on this occasion my congratulations and best wishes," was published prominently over two columns in the Soviet press.

Moscow observers, noting that the Communist Party newspaper, "Pravda," in a strong attack on Sir Winston Churchill on Thursday, offered no criticism of Sir Anthony, think the treatment of Mr. Molotov's telegram could mean the Kremlin viewed his accession with favour.

"Pravda" called Churchill an enemy of Russia and a man with "a hateful attitude to the working class." It said his age was not the real point so far as his resignation was concerned. His popularity had declined, he had neglected British demands for steps to ease world tension and had become an "obstacle" to the Conservative Party on the eve of general elections.

Sir Anthony today conferred with Mr. R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, on the date of the next general election, likely to be called for May 26. The two are also expected to discuss the Chancellor's plans for the budget which he will present to the Commons on April 19.

The "Yorkshire Post," a conservative provincial newspaper considered close to the new Premier, said today it was expected that Sir Anthony would announce the election date in a national broadcast next Thursday or Friday. Parliament must be dissolved at least three weeks before the general election date.

Ben-Zvi Message To Churchill

President Ben-Zvi has sent a message to Sir Winston Churchill on the occasion of his resignation as Prime Minister.

The text of the message follows:

On your relinquishing Britain's helm of state, I have the honour on behalf of the people of Israel, and personally, to join with the leaders of other nations in paying tribute to your most illustrious and never-to-be-forgotten share in the shaping of the history of our day, and in fashioning the future of the peoples. Your heroic historical stand against the forces of evil and destruction and the measure in which you gave them battle have earned the gratitude and the admiration of freedom-loving peoples everywhere and of the Jewish people in particular.

The eternal and universal values of peace, justice and freedom, for men and for nations, heralded by the prophets from the heights of Zion, were your guiding light throughout your political and public career. Your true friendship to the people of Israel and your role in its reestablishment as a nation will be forever carved into the annals of our history and also, I believe, in those of the people of Britain.

On behalf of the people of Israel and myself, I wish you good health and happiness.

Easter Pilgrims In Old City

Jerusalem Post Staff

Roman Catholics and Protestants today celebrate Easter, and an estimated 15,000 pilgrims have already converged on the Old City of Jerusalem and Bethlehem for the observance of the festival.

Among them was reported to be the former French Premier, M. Robert Schumann and hundreds of Greeks, Cypriots, and British soldiers who arrived from Suez via Akaba.

The Catholic members of the Jerusalem Consular Corps will cross the lines into the Old City at Mandelbaum Gate at 5.45 this morning to attend the Easter Sunday service in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

In New Jerusalem, the main service was the Easter Vigil at the Notre Dame convent at midnight last night, conducted by the Apostolic Delegate, Monsignor Silvio Oddi, assisted by the Patriarchal Vicar, Father Terence Kuehn, and the Superior of the Convent, Father Brunet. A large number of local Catholic clergymen were present.

The midnight service is a revival of an ancient Christian festival reinstituted by the Pope some years ago. It cannot be held at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre itself, because it would interfere with the time-honoured timetable agreed upon among the various sects.

Services this morning will be held at the Church of the Dormition and at the Terra Sancta Church.

In the Vatican City, the bells of St. Peter's Basilica rang out yesterday, Holy Saturday, bringing the message that the 40-day period of Lent had ended. Easter Sunday today climaxes the pilgrimage of those who came to Rome during the Holy Week. Worshippers today will receive a special apostolic benediction from Pope Pius XII from the central balcony of St. Peter's.

Nasser in Karachi, Told of Pakistan's Support on Gaza

KARACHI, Saturday. — The Prime Ministers of Egypt and Pakistan opened talks here today on the Middle East situation and other international problems. Mr. Mohammed Ali, of Pakistan, met Lieutenant Colonel Gamal Abdul Nasser for the first round of talks six hours after the Egyptian Premier had arrived by air on a three-day official visit. They were together for 30 minutes, and will continue their talks tomorrow.

Nasser, who has not been out of Egypt before except on a pilgrimage to Mecca, is stopping in Karachi, New Delhi and Rangoon on his way to the conference of 29 African and Asian nations opening in Bandung, Java, on April 18.

Strict security precautions kept away the crowds which usually gather at the airport in tens of thousands to see visitors.

Colonel Nasser was accompanied by Major Salah Salem, Minister for National Guidance and Sudan Affairs and Dr. Mahmoud Fawzy, the Foreign Minister.

Pakistan's Governor-General, Ghulam Mohammed, said at a banquet he gave tonight for Col. Nasser that the Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the Suez Canal Zone base "has paved the way to happy relations between Arab countries and Western powers." He added that the settlement had contributed "in no small measure to peace and progress in the Middle East."

Nasser Called "Symbol"

He described Nasser as the "symbol and personification of the hopes and aspirations of Egyptian youth."

About recent clashes between Egyptian and Israel forces in the Gaza area, he stated: "We have been deeply grieved to learn of the continuing Israel aggression particularly evidenced by the attack of Israel forces on Egyptian troops in Gaza. Our hearts go out in sympathy to the families of the victims of this outrage."

Pakistan would continue to strive to secure fulfilment of the rights and just aspirations of the Arab peoples," Guham Mohammed declared.

Ghulam Mohammed said "I and my people are eager to serve the same cause and fully cooperate with Egypt in any field. I look forward with pleasure to work in the Supreme Council of Islamic Countries" with Colonel Nasser and King Saud.

"I also hope that the economic and cultural bonds will be strengthened and understanding and goodwill promoted. In this lies our hope for a better future for the Moslem world."

Colonel Nasser stated that the Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the Suez Canal base had "put an end to over 70 years of strife and ill feelings and opens the door for new and bright horizons."

While Colonel Nasser is away, Wing-Commander Gamal Salem, the Vice-Premier, will act as Prime Minister and Military Governor. He is Major Salem's elder brother.

Meanwhile

• it was disclosed in Jakarta today that representatives of South African independence movements will attend the Bandung conference as "visitors" with the full backing of the conference's sponsors. A spokesman for the conference secretariat refused to identify the South Africans.

• it was announced officially in Rangoon today that the Chinese Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, will arrive there on Wednesday for a three-day visit as guest of the Burmese Prime Minister, Mr. U Nu. Mr. Chou is *en route* to Bandung. *(Reuter, UP)*

New Beirut Plan For Egyptian-Iraqi Rift

Foreign Minister Alfred Naccache announced in Beirut yesterday that President Chamoun would shortly return from Turkey with new proposals for settling the Egyptian-Iraqi dispute, according to NEABS.

He added that they would include an arrangement for a meeting between the Iraqi Premier, Nuri e-Said, and the Egyptian Premier, Abdul Nasser.

'BABY' ATOM BOMB TESTED IN NEVADA

LAS VEGAS, Saturday. — A "baby" atomic device, believed to be the trigger for a hydrogen bomb, exploded today from a 300-foot tower in Yucca Flat, with the quick glow of the blast seen as far as San Francisco and Los Angeles. *(UP, Reuter)*

'Atomic Energy for Development'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — In five to 10 years we will be using solar and atomic energy for the development of the country, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, the Defence Minister, told 3,000 workers who had travelled from Haifa to Sde Boker to meet him today. The workers arrived in a 60-bus convoy which stretched for four kilometres along the road.

In attendance on the caravan were an ambulance and a fire engine as well as the Haifa Hapoel band and an Arab instrument band from *Ma'abara* David.

Egged headquarters here issued orders that the buses should not proceed further than Kfar Yeroham because of the heavy rains which fell last night and this morning, and arrangements were made for Mr. Ben-Gurion to meet the travellers there. It was found, however, that no rain had fallen at Sde Boker and the convoy reached there without mishap at 2.30 p.m. In the midst of a dust storm caused by a 50-kilometre-an-hour wind.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Gurion greeted the guests at the gate to the settlement and the Defence Minister related the history of the place which was founded in May 1952 by 12 persons, two of whom were killed by Arabs in the first year of settlement.

He said that Sde Boker did not have many members, but that a group of scouts were training there and might join the settlers. Sde Boker had also been visited by a group of Tel Aviv high school students who intended to join on their return journey.

2 Soldiers Dead, 2 Hurt After Vehicle Strikes Mine

Third Egyptian Mining This Month

Two Israeli soldiers were killed and two others wounded when a patrol vehicle struck a mine yesterday near the Israel-Egyptian armistice line in the vicinity of Nirim in the Western Negev, the Army spokesman announced.

This is the third mining incident in the same area this month.

An hour later, an Egyptian position fired on an Israel unit travelling along the armistice line in the same area. The position was silenced by shells from Israel batteries.

One of the wounded, Yosef Notzka, 19, told a military correspondent last night that the vehicle which struck the mine was a weapons-carrier—one of three vehicles in the patrol. After stopping several times to examine the road for mines, the first of the three cars struck the mine and Notzka lost consciousness. The car was completely shattered by the explosion.

The Armistice Line was unusually quiet when the patrol began travelling along the border and the Arab fellaheen, usually working in the fields on the other side of the border, were not in sight this time, apparently warned by the Egyptian military. The vehicles were several hundred metres away from a fortified Egyptian position.

An Israel unit patrolling the line in the vicinity of Kissufim on Friday morning was fired on from across the border, the spokesman added. The patrol returned the fire and suffered no casualties.

An Israel patrol, in the same area on Friday morning fired at a group of Egyptian infiltrators, who appeared to be soldiers, in Israel territory. They escaped across the border. Several minutes later, mortar fire was opened on the group by an Egyptian post. The patrol was unhurt.

Another patrol encountered a group of Jordanian herdsmen on Friday morning in the Latrun area. The patrol opened fire on them, and they fled back into Jordan territory, the spokesman said.

At the meeting of the Israel-Egypt Mixed Armistice Commission on Thursday at which Egypt was censured (as reported on Friday) for the mining of an Israel vehicle on March 31, the Chairman stated that in accordance with the recommendation of General Burns, he had already suggested to both delegations that the texts of resolutions should avoid the use of exaggerated adjectives or the repetition of the same words in each paragraph and to be as brief as possible. The Egyptian delegation has expressed its readiness to follow such procedure, the Chairman stated, but added that the Israel delegation prefers to have this proposition discussed at a regular meeting of the M.A.C.

The Chairman pointed out that he is unable to amend resolutions except for minor drafting points suggested informally which are or are not accepted and that therefore he must either vote for or against or abstain. He said that he does not believe that a resolution will carry less weight when worded in a more sober way, and added that he understood the words "trained men" to mean men who were able competently to lay a mine, not implying in the case of the resolution any other form of training.

A total of 30 Egyptian hostile acts have been committed against Israel since March 17, the Army spokesman said yesterday, listing 15 incidents involving infiltrators, the mining of seven Israel patrol vehicles and ten cases of firing across the border. In all of which eight Israelis were killed and 41 wounded.

Army Set to Ensure Passage of Patrols

Jerusalem Post Military Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Army is determined to ensure the free, unmolested passage of patrols along Israel's border, it was stated in authoritative circles here today.

Egyptian saboteurs work in close contact with Egyptian military outposts across the border. The usual tactics are to cross into Israel unnoticed, place the mine and make their way as quickly as possible across the border towards the Egyptian outpost which gives them covering fire.

Another method is to lay the mine, then cross the border and wait for an Israel patrol. When the mine explodes, the Egyptians open fire on the Israel soldiers.

This is what happened in today's incident which cost the lives of two Israelis. The artillery fire this afternoon was directed against the Egyptian outpost which covered the saboteurs.

Burns Contacts Both Sides on Tension

Jerusalem Post Reporter

General E.L.M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that when he was present at last Thursday's meeting of the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission at Kilo 95, he had put proposals to the two sides in connection with the second Security Council resolution calling for measures to reduce the tension on the Gaza Strip border. He was now expecting the two sides to communicate with him.

(It is learned in official Israel circles that General Burns sent letters to the Israel and Egyptian Foreign Ministries on Friday covering suggestions in connection with relieving border tension, and further contacts are expected during the week.)

The General added that the T.S.O. was continuing to work on the question of the four Israel soldiers still detained in Damascus. He stated that the Chairman of the Israel-Syrian MAC, Colonel Castanguay, had conferred recently with the Syrian Chief of Staff, Colonel Shawkat Shukeir on this matter, and that another meeting would take place shortly.

Franco-US Parley On Vietnam Planned

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — A Franco-American conference on Indo-China will probably take place in Washington towards the end of April, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

No definite date has yet been fixed, nor has it been decided whether Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay would personally attend the conference.

The conference will naturally fall into two parts, the spokesman said. That dealing with such questions as the training of troops would be restricted to the U.S. and France, but Britain would certainly participate in any discussions dealing with the Geneva armistice agreement of which she was a party.

Terrorists in a car today flung a bomb against the Saigon villa of Gen. Tran Van Soai, commander of the Hoa Hao, one of the sects opposing the South Vietnam Government.

Six guards were wounded by the explosion which destroyed the front of the villa and a nearby car. The terrorists escaped.

Bomb Attacks Break Calm in Algiers

ALGIERS, Saturday (Reuter). — Terrorist attacks with home-made bombs broke last night's calm here, causing damage but no casualties. They were the first outbreaks in the city since the country-wide wave of terrorism launched on the eve of All Saints Day on October 31.

Jam and condensed milk tins filled with explosives were hurled into a cork factory. A Republican Guard store and a tobacco factory were also damaged by bombs. The fires that started were quickly brought under control. A number of telegraph lines were cut in the countryside.

Sultan of Morocco Backs French Reforms

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — In a letter to President Rene Coty, Sultan Sidi Mohamed ben Moulay Arafa of Morocco, today reaffirmed his belief that reforms could be carried out only in the framework of Franco-Moroccan friendship.

He said that he wanted to see Morocco develop towards the desired modernism, but he also wished to be consulted in all reform projects. The Sultan added that he was the legitimate sovereign of the Sherifian Empire, and had acceded to the throne legally and according to traditional and incontestable conventions.

Egypt Gets Funds For Railways

WASHINGTON, Saturday (INA). — The Foreign Operations Administration was reported yesterday to have signed an agreement in Cairo giving Egypt $16,163,000 for railway development.

More Help For Border Villages

Mr. Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance and head of the Jewish Agency Agricultural Settlement Department, told settlers in the Northern and Western Negev last week that the settlement authorities had decided to increase their participation in the burden of security and guard duty in the frontier settlements.

Last night's official statement said that Mr. Eshkol, who was accompanied by his wife and Mr. M. Cahanovitz, the Director of the "Mifal Hanegev," visited a number of kibbutzim founded by Latin American pioneers in preparation for his impending visit to South American.

Police Free Seven Cypriot Students

NICOSIA, Saturday (Reuter). — Police today released seven Greek Cypriot students after detaining them for a week in connection with the alleged possession of seditious leaflets. They were freed on £50 bail each on condition that they report to the police on April 20.

Ten other Greek Cypriots, including three students, held since April 1 on charges of dynamite attacks, were again remanded in custody for periods ranging from four to six days while police investigators continue.

Unknown persons last night threw a hand-grenade at an Englishman and his wife. The woman fainted after the explosion, but no one was injured. Police were stoned here yesterday when students demonstrated in the streets shouting "Down with the prisons," and "Down with traitors." Strong police riot squads took up positions. One policeman was slightly injured.

The Government last night broadcast an urgent appeal for civilian volunteers for a special constabulary to aid the regular police in night patrols in Nicosia.

A loud explosion shook the eastern section of Limassol tonight. Police teams have left for the scene to investigate.

Vietminh Takes Over French Coal Mines

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — France and North Vietnam have signed an agreement settling the disposal of coal mines worth 5,000m. francs, formerly the property of a French company, the French news agency reported from Hanoi today.

The mines now become the property of the Vietminh Government, which will pay the French company in coal. The Communists will hand over an annually decreasing amount of coal, which will total one million tons.

The Tonking mines used to produce 1,700,000 tons of anthracite a year, but the total fell to 250,000 tons during the Indo-China war. The agreement ends 67 years of control by the French company — the French Society for Tonkin Coal Mines. Between 20 and 30 French technicians will stay on as advisers, and French capital will be invested in development.

India Temporarily Lifts Monkey Export Embargo

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, Saturday (UP). — The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has announced India's lifting of an embargo on the export of monkeys until July 1 to aid in the manufacture of the Salk polio vaccine.

A spokesman for Pitman-Moore Co., — manufacturers of the vaccine — said that a plane loaded with the precious animals already is en route here and that normal vaccine production, curtailed when the ban was announced two weeks ago, would be resumed shortly.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

At a 12-hour meeting of the Israel-Egypt MAC yesterday, Egypt was condemned for the attack on a routine Israel patrol near Nahal Oz from two Egyptian military posts last Sunday, in which two Israel soldiers were killed and 12 wounded, the Israel Army spokesman announced at 1 o'clock this morning. The MAC also censured Israel for firing at the Egyptian positions and using half-tracks in this attack, in which two Egyptian soldiers were killed and four wounded. Our Military Correspondent adds that in voting for the Egyptian resolution the Chairman commented that Israel's guilt was only technical. His vote for all the clauses in the Israel resolution indicated his acceptance of the fact that the Israel patrol was attacked by the Egyptians without provocation. Clauses 4 and 5 of the Israeli resolution for which he voted stated that the rescue of the wounded and the removal of the dead was made possible only when five half-tracks arrived at the scene which was dominated by fire from the Egyptian outpost, and by silencing the fire when one of the half-tracks crossed the frontier to that outpost.

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi received the President of the Belgian Chamber of Representatives, Mr. Camille Huysmans, on Wednesday. On his arrival at Lydda, Mr. Huysmans was met by the Knesset Deputy Speaker and the Clerk, Mr. B. Mintz and Mr. B. Rosetti, and by Mr. M. Simon and F. Najjar, of the Foreign Ministry.

Active workers of the U.J.A. from England, Brazil, Belgium, South Africa, France, Chile and Columbia were presented to the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi on Friday by Mr. E. Dobkin, Chairman of the Keren Hayessod Directorate. Among those present were Mr. Louis Lipschitz of Johannesburg, Mr. Schwarzfeld of Canada, Mr I. Horwitz, of Belgium and Mr. M. Shapira, of Chile.

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi received the head of the U.S. Christian Zionists, Mr. Y. Lanowick, on Friday, as well as a number of other members of the group at present touring the country.

President Ben-Zvi received a group of Histadrut friends from the United States on Friday, headed by Dr. Herman Seidel, prominent Labour Zionist leader from Baltimore. Members of the group included: Mr. Isaac Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turk, Mr. and Mrs. Albin, Mr. and Mrs. Behar, Mr. and Mrs. Zuiver, Mr. and Mrs. Singer, Mr. and Mrs. H. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Periow, Mr. and Mrs. B. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. L. Breverman, Mr. and Mrs. Mandelberg, Mr. and Mrs. Hormats, all of Baltimore; Mr. Nulman, of Fall Rivers, Mass; Mr. I. Greiser, Miss Lillian Harris, Mr. Max Mirkin, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bonder, all of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Lightman of Providence, R. I.; Mr. and Mrs. I. Lalkin, of Detroit, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zeitlin, of Miami Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Sol Gerber, of Houston, Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. Sol Eisenstein, of Chicago, Ill. Dr. Seidel and a group of Histadrut friends also visited the National Institutions on Friday and were received by the Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, Mr. Beri Locker.

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi will be At Home to the public at Bet Hanassi tomorrow between 4 and 6 p.m. on the occasion of Passover.

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The Prime Minister and Mrs. Sharett entertained Mr. and Mrs. Mark Levy, of Canada, to tea yesterday.

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The British Ambassador, Mr. John W. Nicholls, visited Kibbutz Gevim in the Northern Negev yesterday.

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The French Consul-General in Jerusalem, M. Marcel Laforge, gave a cocktail party yesterday in honour of Mme. M. Goetze of the French Broadcasting Service and M. Lafargue of the "Parisien Libre."

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Mr. William B. Teeling, British Conservative Member of Parliament, crossed over at Mandelbaum gate into the old City on Friday for a brief visit to Jordan. He expects to return tomorrow to continue his tour of Israel which he is visiting as the guest of the Government. During a visit to Galilee last week, he lunched with the Military Governor of Nazareth, and later in the week met with Members of the Knesset in Tel Aviv. On Thursday afternoon, he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Sieff for tea at Tel Mond.

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ARRIVALS — Mr. Alec Coleman, a leader of the Joint Palestine Appeal in Great Britain, for a three-week visit. Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Krivine of Brighton, England, for a short visit.

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DEPARTURES — Dr. G.S. Wise, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University, and Prof. O. I. Janowsky to New York, after attending the meeting of the Board; Mr. Yehuda Nedivi, Tel Aviv Town Clerk, for the U.S. to study public administration problems on a tour sponsored by Foreign Operations Administration; Mr. Gordon Hamilton, Associate Editor of "Newsweek," after a three-week visit; Mr. S. Blass, of Tahal, for New York, on a business visit (all by El Al).

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Rina Nikova presents the Jerusalem Biblical Ballet and Histadrut Folk Dancing Group on April 26, anniversary of the conquest of Haifa Port. The troupe will perform on a stage specially erected in the harbour.

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On exhibit at the Schocken Library is a rare collection of illustrated Passover Haggadot (14th — 19th centuries). The exhibit is open to the public 10 a.m. — 1 p.m. daily, except Saturdays.

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BIRTHS

PORECKI — To Dida (née Boceanu) wife of Boris Porecki, Tel Aviv, on April 7, — a son.

SEGAL — To Mia (née Shely), wife of Maurice Segal, on April 7, 1955 at the Kirya Hospital, Tel Aviv — a daughter.

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LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post April 10, 1955

In the Supreme Court Sitting As Court of Criminal Appeal

Before the Deputy President (Justice Cheshin), Justices Sussman and Landau.

Yaacov Halperin, Appellant, v. The Attorney General, Respondent (Cr. A. 214/53)

LOAN TO POLICEMAN CONSTITUTES BRIBERY

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal and allowed a counter appeal against a verdict of the Tel Aviv District Court, delivered on July 21, 1953 (Cr.C. 668/52).

In April 1952, a policeman in the Economic Police who wished to hire a car from one of the companies who rent out cars, produced a cheque for IL300 signed by Mr. Y. Halperin in lieu of the deposit on the car demanded by the company. After returning the car intact, he received the cheque back and apparently returned it to Mr. Halperin as it was never cashed. Before this, the policeman had participated in an investigation of the activities of a company jointly managed by Mr. Halperin. The file against the company was closed before the incident of the cheque, but was reopened in May 1952. The policeman warned the appellant in advance of the approaching re-investigation.

Halperin was charged before Judges Harpazi of the Tel Aviv District Court with giving a person a bribe for an act connected with a function performed by the latter on behalf of the State (sections (2) and (1a) of the Penal Law Revision (Bribery) Law, 1952). He was found guilty, sentenced to a fine of IL200, ordered to pay IL150 court costs, and was bound over to be of good behaviour in the sum of IL800.

Mr. Halperin appealed against the conviction and the sentence. The Attorney General counter-appealed against the sentence on the ground that section 1 (a) of the Law does not allow a fine as an alternative to a prison sentence.

Mr. C. Gluckman, State Attorney, and Mr. G. Bach appeared for the Attorney-General. Mr. A. Lewitsky for Mr. Halperin.

Judgment

The Supreme Court decision was delivered in two separate judgments, each of which reached the same conclusion but for different reasons.

Justice Landau, with whom Justice Sussman concurred, after analysing the facts of the case, dismissed Mr. Lewitsky's contention that they had not been proved. He then considered the appellant's two further arguments: that even if the facts had been proved, they were not such as to constitute the offence of bribery; and, alternatively, even if they were held to be consistent with the offence of bribery, then an offence had been committed under section 1(b) (in which case a fine may be given alternatively to imprisonment,) and not one under section 1(a).

(Section 1 (b) states that "where the bribe is taken for an act which the person performing the function is bound to do by virtue thereof, and not for a deviation from the proper performance of such function, he is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds." According to Section (3), a person giving a bribe shall be treated in the same way as the person taking it, provided that he shall be given half of the penalty.)

In dismissing Mr. Lewitsky's argument that there was no provision in any law against doing someone a favour, Justice Landau pointed out that the law did prohibit a person who might in the future have business with an official from doing such official a favour — other than showing him some small, insignificant day-to-day consideration. This was clear, he contended, from section (4) of the law which states that it shall be immaterial whether a bribe consists of money, a service or any other benefit, or treatment generally.

As for the argument that section 1(b) was the operative section, Justice Landau held that the bribe had been given for the purpose of securing an attitude of discrimination in favour of the appellant on the part of the policeman — a "casting of bread upon the waters" — and not for any specific purpose. It was, therefore, impossible to say whether it was given for an act which was not a deviation from the proper performance of the policeman's functions, nor was it possible to say whether it was for the fulfilment of a ministerial duty on the part of the policeman (as decided in C.A. 108/54 — Law Reports, February 24, 1955) and therefore Judge Harpazi had been correct in holding that it fell within the provision of section 1(a). This being the case, the Attorney-General's counter-appeal must be allowed since it had already been decided (in Cr.A. 207/54, P.D. 8/1504) that in the case of an offence under section 1(a) the Court may not impose a fine in place of imprisonment.

However, Justice Landau concluded, while in general there was no place for giving deferred sentences in cases of bribery, an evil which must be ruthlessly eradicated, the offence in this case was so slight and so close to the borderline between what is allowed and what is prohibited that this would appear to be an appropriate opportunity for deviating from the general rule and giving a deferred sentence.

Three Categories of Bribery

Justice Cheshin, in a separate judgment, reiterated the principles laid down by him in Cr.A. 66/52 (P.D. 6/732), and confirmed in Cr.A. 210/53 (P.D. 7/916), according to which it could be decided whether the offence of bribery fell within the terms of section 1(a) or section 1(b).

Three possibilities were enumerated in that judgment, namely, that bribery was taken for an act which the person taking the bribe was: 1. bound to do by virtue of his function and was not taken for the purpose of deviating from the proper performance of such function; 2. was not bound to do and was taken for the purpose of deviating from the proper performance of his function; 3. was bound not to do and was taken for the purpose of deviating from the proper performance of his function. Only in the case of the first possibility did section 1(b) apply, section 1(a) applying in the other two cases.

Justice Cheshin saw no reason for thinking that the Supreme Court had been mistaken in laying down that only these three possibilities existed in so far as section (1) of the Law was concerned, and proceeded to show how the particular case under discussion could be fitted into the framework of one of these three possibilities. He concluded that the benefit of which the bribe was comprised (the cheque) was given to secure preferential treatment generally. The receiver of the benefit was a policeman who, in the proper performance of his functions, was bound not to discriminate either in favour of or against any person. If therefore by his behaviour it was apparent that he had promised to discriminate in favour of the appellant in the future, and for this he had received remuneration (in whatever form), the offence which the policeman had committed fell within the framework of the third possibility and was therefore an offence according to section 1(a).

Appeal dismissed and counter-appeal allowed. The fine and the bond were replaced by a deferred sentence of one month's imprisonment which would take effect only if the appellant should commit a felony or any offence against the Bribery Law within one year.

Judgment given on March 31, 1955.

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"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition 10-1, 4-6.

Oil and Watercolour Paintings by Ruth Bamberger and Metal Work by Ludwig Wolpert, "Nova Studio" Art Gallery, 9 Maimon Avenue, 10-1, 3-6.

Department of Antiquities special exhibition: Excavations of a Canaanite Temple of the seashore of Naharlya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.), 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, Open 9-1, 4-6. 20th Century French Art from the Ayala and Sam Zacks Collection. Exhibition of Israel Artists. Exhibit of the month: "Yahuda Haggada." Illuminated Passover Haggada, Ashkenazic, about 1460. Gift of the late Mrs. Ethel Rachel Yahuda, widow of Prof. A.S. Yahuda of New Haven, Conn. National Museum Beraliel, 10-1, 4-9.

★ **Tours:**—

Hebrew University conducted tour. New Administration Building., King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ **Film Shows:**—

Keren Hayesood, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

★ **Recorded Music:**—

Handel's "Messiah" in YMCA Auditorium at 8 p.m. (a recorded programme). The Public is invited. Sunday, April 10.

★ **Theatre:**—

Chamber Theatre, "The Miser," Edison Hall, 9 p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ **Exhibition:**—

Museum (daily 10-4, Sundays 4-10 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays 10-1). 1) "New Horizons" comprising works by 18 painters and sculptors. 2) Paintings by Zvi Shor. 3) Paper cut-outs ("Ginza").

★ **Theatre:**—

Habimah, "A Tale of Three and Four," 11 a.m. (for Tel Aviv Municipality Employees Assoc.) Habimah, "A Tale of Three and Four," 3.30 p.m. (for Working Mothers Assoc.)

Habimah, "The Tea House of the August Moon," 8 p.m.

Chamber Theatre, "Come Back Little Sheba," Mograbi Hall, 8 p.m.

Dutgan & Shumacher, Ohel Sham, 8.30 p.m.

★ **Film Show:**

"Shaharit" for children, 2 performances, at 10.30 and 12 noon, Z.O.A. House.

★ **Entertainment:**—

Night Club, Pila: Georges Ulmer, great movie star and singer from Paris.

HAIFA

★ **Exhibitions:** —

The Maritime Museum, 2 Rehov Hanamal, 9 a.m.-12 noon, 4-6 p.m.

"Abstract & Surrealistic Painting," Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 10-1 4-7. Conducted Tour by Dr. F. Schiff at 11.15 a.m. Paintings by Chad Gadya, Tradya Art Gallery opp Zion Hotel, 10-1 4-6.

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★ **Theatre:**—

Yiddische Komedie Theatre, Dina Halperin (Great hero, USA) in "Ah Ghetto Ghet," 9.15 p.m.

VISITORS' GALLERY

Canadian Whiskey Magnate Here

By MARLIN LEVIN

ALLAN Bronfman says that he sells $750m. worth of whiskey annually in the same cheery tone that you would use in saying to a waiter, "A Martini, please."

He is the man who stood up at the final session of the Hebrew University's Board of Governors last Sunday and in his soft voice announced that he and his wife would like to give the University $100,000 for the construction of an amphitheatre.

The man who moves about so easily with intoxicating sums such as these is a native Canadian who began to learn Hebrew at the age of three-and-a-half in a *Heder* in Brandon, Manitoba, and reads and writes Yiddish fluently, although his family has been in Canada for almost a century.

A graduate lawyer, he turned from his profession to join the family's wholesale wine and spirits business. Mr. Bronfman denies that the choice of the family name had anything to do with the Yiddish word for spirits — "Bronfen."

In 1928, he and his brother entered the distilling business by buying the famed Seagrams firm. At the time, the U.S., largest whiskey-drinking nation in the world, was clinking glasses filled with bathtub gin and home brew. But five years later, prohibition was repealed and the market for a high-class, luxury whiskey was wide open.

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Quality and a good name were the two pillars on which Distillers Corporation — Seagrams Ltd. has been built into the world's largest. Mr. Bronfman is vice-president and his brother is president. In 1933 they acquired the Calvert Company (makers of Lord Calvert) and in 1941 the Frankfort Company (Paul Jones and Four Roses).

In bearing and appearance Mr. Bronfman looks as though he has just stepped out of one of his own "Man of Distinction" Calvert advertisements. To him whiskey is more than a money-maker: "It contributes to the art of gracious living when taken moderately." He has been decorated with the French Legion of Honour for his contributions to the art of living.

"Everyone whom I meet asks me about whiskey and my firm. Why don't they ask me about my trip to Israel?

"This is the first time that I have been to Israel, but from the very first moment I arrived I felt a sense of belonging. You know, people have to belong to something or they would be living in a spiritual vacuum. From the moment I stepped off the plane I was conscious of stepping on soil that is ours.

"I also have a deep feeling for the Hebrew University. In Canada we have organized 57 chapters of the Friends. That's very good when you realize that there are only 200,000 Jews in Canada altogether and most of the Jewish communities are small."

Mr. Bronfman takes his fabulous wealth soberly.

"When you have a lot of money, you start to look around to see where you can do the most good for others. Then you find yourself taking part in a lot of organizational work. I am President of the Jewish General Hospital of Montreal and I am active in the Federated Charities. My great love is the Hebrew University."

The University reciprocated this affection last week by making Mr. Bronfman a Deputy Chairman of its Board of Governors.

Religious Services

St. Paul's Church (Musrara Qr.): H.S., 7 p.m. H.C., as announced. Preacher: Canon H.R.A. Jones (Tel. 3713).

St. Andrew's Church (Bronx Memorial) M. & E. 10 a.m. Vesper service united with Y.M.C.A. at 6.30 p.m.

Combined Evangelical Services (Y.M.C.A. Lecture Hall): 7.30 p.m. All Welcome.

Catholic: 6 a.m. German Hospice Chapel Languages: German, Italian, English, French. 7 a.m. Terra Sancta Chapel, Languages: English, French, German, Italian: St. Pierre de Sion (Ratisbonne). Languages: French, Arabic, English, German, Hungarian, Hebrew, Portuguese. 8 a.m. Jesuits Chapel (near King David Hotel). Languages: French, Polish, English, Italian, German; 9 a.m. Pierre de Sion, 10 a.m. Terra Sancta College.

Notre Dame de France (St. Paul's St.): M.S. 6 a.m. Languages: French, English, German, Italian.

American Gospel Church (Prophets St. near Bikur Holim): Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Mid week Prayers: Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Minister M.G. Griebenow.

Y.M.C.A. Christian Fellowship Vesper Service, 6 p.m. All welcome.

Brethren (Y.M.C.A. Room 110): Breaking of Bread, 10.30 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene (St. Julian's Way): E.S. 7.30 p.m.

Bible Evangelical Mission (Pentecostal), Hovevei Zion St., first house: Sunday, 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. (Rev. J.W. Foster)

Jerusalem Baptist Congregation (Opp. Gan Rehavia). Wednesday: Bible reading & Prayer, 8 p.m. Friday: E.S. 6 p.m. Saturday: Bible Study 10 p.m.

Seventh Day Adventists (Rehov Abraham Lincoln near Y.M.C.A.): 9.30 a.m. Sabbath School; 10.45 a.m., Preaching & Worship; 4 p.m. Bible class

Jehovah's Witnesses: Bible Study 7.30 p.m. 16/4 Moria St., Baka'a: Tuesday 8.30 p.m.

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Anglican Church (Episcopal) in the Church of the former German Colony (co 19 Eliat St.): H.C. 7 a.m. M.S. 10 a.m. Evening Service 7 p.m. Preacher: Rev. R.G. Allison, P.O.B.2773, Tel Aviv.

Church of Scotland (St. Peter's) Jaffa M.S. 10 a.m. E.S. 7 p.m.

St. Peter's Church (Catholic). Jaffa Port: 7 a.m. Weekdays 6 p.m. Languages: French, Italian, Spanish.

HAIFA

St. Luke's Church: Mountain St., near Wine St. (Anglican Protestant: Episcopal): H.C. 7.30 a.m.; M.S. 10 a.m. E.S. 6.30 (P.O.B. 1197.

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6.00 a.m. Morning Programme (Haifa only). 6.30 Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.40 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Requests (R). 1.30 Messages to Immigrants. 1.50 Break for Music (R). 2.15 Service from the Anglican Church, Nazareth.

4.00 p.m. Music for Sunday (R). 4.40 Intermezzo (R). 5.00 Talmud Lesson. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra, Light Music (R). 7.30 Talk. 7.45 What's New in Science. 8.00 Wells of Works. 8.25 Bible Reading. 8.45 Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Conductor: Fernando Previtali: Overture "I Vespri Siciliani" (Verdi); Symphony No.5 (Beethoven). 9.30 20 Years of School of Law & Economics. 10.00 "Wedding in the Village" (Ben Haim). Soloist: Sarah Lash & Efraim Dinaar. 10.30 "Ron Dah" (R). 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
407, 469, 225, 214, 43.9 & 33.3 M.

English News: 1.45, 10.15 p.m.
French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (32.3, 34.9 & 469 M.): 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Close Down. 8.45 Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.3 M.): (South Africa Programme): 6.30 p.m. News. 6.27 Personal Column. 6.45 Newsreel. 7.00 Yiddish Programme

11.15 p.m. News. 11.22 Personal Column. 11.30 Newsreel. 11.45 The Songs of Avshalom Cohen. 12.00 Talmud Lesson.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Songs. 7.00 Galei Zahal Programme. Light Music. 7.30 Sports. 7.45 Classical Requests. 8.30 News. 8.45 Light Music. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

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For tourists special arrangements have been provided by the Committee for the Promotion of Religious Tourism, in cooperation with the Tourist Centre. Tourists will thus leave in special buses at 7.30 a.m., from Hotel Savoy, 5 Rehov Geulah, and from Hotel Israel, Rehov Yonah Hanavi at the Seaside.
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1. **AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** (5 p.m.), with the following Agenda:
To adopt the following special resolution:
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The carrying out of the resolution requires a majority of 75% of the voting shares represented at the General Meeting.
2. The adjournment of the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of December 31, 1954 (5.30 p.m.) with such part of the business of the Agenda as was left unfinished.

If within half an hour from the respective times appointed for the above Meetings a quorum is not present, the Meetings shall stand adjourned to Sunday, May 1, 1955 (Iyar 9, 5715) at 5.30 and 6 p.m. respectively, at the above mentioned premises of the company.

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Possible light showers in North and Coastal Plain in the morning, becoming partly cloudy to fair.

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	86	3	11	13
Tiberias	62	11	20	21
Haifa Port	49	10	18	19
Natanya	47	13	19	21
Tel Aviv Port	58	11	19	20
Lydda Airport	52	10	18	21
Jerusalem	31	6	11	14
Beersheba	37	9	16	20
Eilat	22	14	24	26
S'dom	—	16	—	—

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

Rainfall between March 27 and April 3

Place	Figures during the week	Total Aug. 1-Apr. 3
Wingate Ans	13.1	592.0
Dafna	14.1	321.5
Kfar Blum	7.3	765.3
Sasa	11.5	647.8
Mount Cana'an	3.5	502.7
Kfar Haanasi	1.8	583.5
Acre	3.4	504.1
Tiberias	1.9	502.6
Degania	29.4	296.0
Hefzi-Ba	7.9	272.5
Ramat David	8.0	389.3
Mishmar Ha'emek	4.2	404.2
Haifa AirField	3.9	385.4
Haifa Mt. Carmel	4.4	427.5
Haifa Port	3.3	414.5
Ein Ha'horesh	2.2	543.8
Natanya	3.5	540.7
Ramat Hakovesh	1.0	519.8
Ramatayim	4.4	528.4
Tel Aviv	3.5	542.3
Hakirya	4.0	603.7
Lydda	2.7	—
Rehovot	2.6	505.4
Ekron	4.0	399.5
Hatzor	5.7	412.3
Ma'ale Ha'hamisha	2.2	429.4
Jerusalem	2.0	312.2
Tel Be'er	10.2	312.8
Mishmar Hacegev	0.4	276.0
Gilat	1.0	168.1
Beersheba	5.1	176.2
Hatserim	3.6	116.2
Nir Yitzhak	2.4	179.7
Gvulot	3.0	125.0
Revivim	Drops	86.0
Ein Yahav	0.2	85.9

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THE ITALIAN s.s. France Marie arrived in Haifa Port yesterday after passing through the Suez Canal. She brought 112 tons of tinned meat and 50 tons of frozen meat from Massawa, and is to return there with a cargo of 150 tons of cement.

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THE JERUSALEM MUNICIPAL Commission will receive tourists between 4 and 6 p.m. today at the Municipal Building on the occasion of Passover.

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TOYS WERE distributed to 150 children at Sekiya Ma'aravi on Passover eve by El Al hostesses, who had purchased them with money collected recently by passengers on a plane on the Johannesburg-Lydda line as a token of gratitude for the good service.

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COURTS HAVE been asked by the Director of Courts to speed up cases dealing with infringements of the Food Control regulations, particularly those involving food adulteration.

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AN IMMIGRANT from Egypt, 30-year-old Sara Sinai, was remanded for five days by Jerusalem Magistrate Y. Weiner on Friday after trying to cross the border into Jordan at Beit Safafa last week.

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MENAHEM MINDI, Eduard Ben Moshe and Mamus Bracha were remanded and released on IL1,500 bail each on Friday for entering the closed area of the el Huseil tribe without a permit, for the purpose of buying cows. The three men entered the area at 2 a.m. last Tuesday and bought six cows from the Beduin.

Gin in Ashkelon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHKELON, Saturday. — Negotiations have now been concluded for the establishment of a cotton gin in Ashkelon. The factory will be set up by the Government together with the various district councils in which cotton will be grown. It is expected to employ about 40 workers at the outset.

The gin will be located on the railway siding close to the Yavul Gad pipe factory.

Ein Gev Festival

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS, Saturday. — Three special Egged buses were put into service to take visitors to Ein Gev, where the Rambam Music Festival is due to start tonight. Over 4,000 visitors who spent the first day of Passover in Galilee were taken home by Egged yesterday and today.

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Renewed Migration From Rumania Seen

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Hope that it would soon be possible for Jews to come to Israel from Rumania was expressed by Mr. Idov Cohen, M.K., before a gathering of ex-members of "Hanoar Hatzioni" from that country, meeting in Beit Ussishkin here today.

He said that information had reached him from "certain sources" that after more than three years of the ban on emigration, the situation was to be eased.

Although the meeting was "just a reunion and not a political conference," several demands were made of the Government including the nationalisation of health services and transport. A call was also made to those who had been active in the Noar Hatzioni movement to strengthen the ranks of the Progressive Party.

In Rehovot, hope for a large immigration from Rumania was also expressed by Mr. Mordecai Namir, M.K., Secretary-General of the Histadrut, at a national gathering last night of Mapai immigrants from Rumania.

The Minister of Development, Dr. Dov Joseph, spoke on development problems.

Large Arms Caches Found in Jerusalem

Following the receipt of anonymous information, Jerusalem police discovered large arms caches in the basements of two Jerusalem houses on Passover eve, but a strict blackout held up announcement of the news until Friday morning.

No arrests have been made yet, and the investigation is proceeding with the utmost secrecy.

One cache was found in the flat of Shlomo Ben-Haim at 19 Rehov Hagiz, and the second in the flat of Emanuel Netzha in the Warsaw Houses.

The arms included 36 British and Czech rifles of the type used in the Israel Army, two Brengunes, five sub-machineguns, over 20,000 bullets, spare parts and other equipment.

The supplies were wrapped in newspapers bearing dates after the establishment of the State and were in good condition. Both caches were buried about half a metre under the floor near the wall.

The arms were transferred to Jerusalem police headquarters in two trucks. Residents of the two houses denied all knowledge of the arms.

DEAF MUTE CHILD LOST NEAR HADERA

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HADERA, Saturday. — Four hundred policemen and soldiers searching for a five-year-old girl missing from Givat Olga ma'abara since yesterday, had not found her when the search stopped at sunset tonight. The hunt will be resumed at dawn tomorrow.

Julia Quator Santino, a deaf mute, living with her parents in the ma'abara, was missed at 10 a.m. yesterday. The police were notified in the afternoon. The hunt proceeded with the aid of mobile searchlights until 3 a.m. today and was resumed three hours later.

Army personnel joined the searchers, and a police plane also helped in combing the dunes.

This afternoon, police were notified that a three-year-old girl was missing from the Agrobank ma'abara. The child was later found near the wood which borders the dunes.

Haifa Maccabi Gives Cyprus Apoel Second Straight Defeat, 2-0

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Saturday. — Two goals by wingers Hardy and Held in the closing minutes of the game gave Haifa Maccabi a 2-0 victory over Apoel Nicosia here today. This was the Cyprus visitors' second defeat in two days.

Some 3,000 fans turned out in wintry weather to see a game that started slowly but finished fast. The visitors played good mid-field football, but in front of the goal were rearely dangerous.

The local team missed many close range opportunities. In the last 20 minutes, the Haifa team pressed hard and were rewarded in the 82nd minute when outside left "Shye" Held scored the first goal. Five minutes later, outside right Hardy completed a solo run with a second goal, clinching the match for the home team.

Wing halves Ben Zvi and Machell were best for the home team, but the best player on the field today was the visitors' tiny outside left, Mikos. The Maccabis' close passing game was better suited to the weather condition than the long passes of the Apoel team.

Other results were:

LEAGUE C: Haifa Betar 3, Rosh Pina Maccabi 2, Homenetmen 3, Hapoel Zvi Nahariya 2, Degel Yehuda 4, Safad Hapoel 2, Safad Maccabi 2, Haifa Kibbutz Galuyot 0, Tirat Hacarmel Hapoel 4, Tel Hanan Hapoel 2.

BASKETBALL: Haifa Hapoel 65, Tel Maccabi Hatzafon 28.

HANDBALL: Haifa Technion 14 Rishon le-Zion Maccabi 3.

Tel Aviv Hapoel Again Set Back

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The only surprise result registered in today's league A football matches was at Jaffa, where Tel Aviv Hapoel suffered its second successive set-back in two weeks by only drawing with Natanya Maccabi. The former played the better soccer by far throughout, but the forwards seemed to have left their shooting boots at home.

After a goalless first half, Natanya went ahead through its centre forward Osiach soon after the turn-round, and it was left to Tel Aviv's full back Bibas to give goal-shy forwards a lesson when he netted the equaliser with a long shot eight minutes from the final whistle.

Leaders Petah Tikva Hapoel had no difficulty in disposing of Hadera Hapoel, 3-0, and with 17 points from nine games, still head the League A table.

Tel Aviv Maccabi had it all their own way in the first half against Rishon Le Zion Maccabi, with Kaluser and Studginsky giving it a two goal lead. Rishon, However, improved later and scored through Stoyerman to lose 2-1. A penalty by Tukemits six minutes after the start gave Petah Tikva Maccabi its 1-0 victory over Ramat Gan Hapoel; and Tel Aviv Betar beat Haifa Hapoel in a high-scoring match, 4-2.

Second to Petah Tikva Hapoel in the table are Tel Aviv Maccabi, 16 points, and Tel Aviv Betar with 12. Balfouria Hapoel are bottom with two points from nine matches.

RESULTS, SOCCER: LEAGUE B.: Jaffa Mac. 11, YMCA Jerusalem 0; Tel Aviv Hakoah 2, Jaffa 2 Jaffa Betar 0; Ramat Gan Mac. 1, Rishon Le Zion Hap. 0; B'nei Yehuda 3, Jerusalem Mac. 0; Jerusalem Hap. 4, Sha'arayim Mac. 1; Mahane Yehuda Hap. 1, Rehovot Hap. 0; Acre Hap. 4, Haifa Hakoah 0; Kiryat Haim Hap. 3, Athlit Sports Club 2; Beit Lidd Hap. 1, Hadera Mac. 1; Nahariya Hap. 1, Natanya Hap. 0.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE: Brit Maccabim Atid 51, Mishmar Ha'Emek Hap. 46; Hadarom Mac. 60, Haifa Mac. 37; Tel Aviv Mac. 62 Haifa Mac. 31.

HANDBALL LEAGUE: Tel Aviv Hap. 11, Tel Aviv Mac. 4. (See also Haifa and Jerusalem).

ISRAEL BEATS NORWAY 4-0

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Israel defeated Norway 4 to 0 in the two-day International tennis match at the Maccabi Club courts here. Finkelkraut defeated F. Jagge, 6/4, 6/2, in a singles match and E. Davidman and A. Weiss beat G. Souewall and F. Jagge 6/4, 6/2, 6/3, in a doubles. Israel had won the first two singles on Thursday.

The International "Open" Tournament starts here tomorrow. In the Youth "Open" competition, which ended today, Ya'acov Bruckman, of Haifa, defeated Yoram Laborvich, from the same town, 6/2, 2/6, 6/3.

Jerusalem Betar Beat Kfar Saba Hapoel

Jerusalem Betar fought hard for 90 minutes to win a well-deserved 1-0 victory over Kfar Saba Hapoel in a League A match at the YMCA grounds yesterday. As usual, Betar's strength was in its defence and fighting spirit, with the "Jerusalem roar" doing the rest.

The sole goal of the match was scored in the 15th minute when a hard drive by Simon bounced off the goalkeeper into the net. Until half time, the visitors tried hard to equalize but their forwards were unlucky.

After resumption, Betar was clearly superior even though Simon was injured and could contribute little to the play.

TEL AVIV CLUB WINS ALL ROWING RACES

TIBERIAS, Saturday.—The Tel Aviv boating club won all rowing races here this afternoon. The races were held over 1,000, 1,500 and 2,000 metres in three classes, boys, beginners and advanced. Because of rain and stormy water, the scheduled 8 km. race from Ein Gev to Tiberias was cancelled.

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Sudan to Seek Int'l Arbitration on Nile

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuter). — The Sudanese Irrigation Minister, Khidr Hammad, said in Cairo yesterday that his Government would consider submitting the question of future distribution of the Nile waters to international arbitration.

Talks between Egypt and the Sudan in Cairo about future distribution of the Nile waters broke down on Thursday. Announcing the suspension, the Egyptian spokesman, Colonel Samia Hilmy, also accused Khidr Hammad of supervising the printing of anti-Egyptian pamphlets in Cairo.

Hilmy was speaking for Major Saleh Salem, Minister of Propaganda, who led the Egyptian delegation. Khidr Hammad headed the Sudanese delegates. The talks were on revision of the 1929 Anglo-Egyptian Nile water agreement which stipulated that no new projects for controlling the Nile waters can be implemented without agreement between Egypt and the Sudan.

The Sudan wants a bigger share in the waters and Khidr Hammad said his Government proposed a revision of distribution based on either division of water on the basis of relative populations or cultivable areas in both countries or on the recommendation of Mr. H.T. Cory, an American member of the International Commission in 1920.

'Fair Proposal'

Col. Hilmy said Egypt had proposed "a fair and just division of the waters," but the Sudanese had declined to discuss the technical aspects and had sidetracked the question "for political reasons."

Lack of agreement will hold back work on a vast new Egyptian high dam at Aswan, Upper Egypt, which was to begin next April.

In Khartoum yesterday, parliamentarians of the National Unionist party — the governing party which has previously favoured a link between the Sudan and Egypt, decided the country should be independent.

British Journalists Demand 25% Hike

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter).— The National Union of Journalists today called for a 25 per cent increase on the present minimum wages and a cost of living bonus for all their members working on provincial newspapers. It backed the demand with a call for a strike ballot if the employers' offer is unsatisfactory.

The decision was taken at the annual conference of the union at Margate.

Pure Water Slogan For Health Day

Speaking last night over Kol Yisrael on the occasion of World Health Day, the Minister of Health, Mr. Joseph Serlin, stated that although everybody wants better health we don't always make the necessary effort to achieve this.

Mr. Serlin said that this year's World Health Day slogan — "Pure Water Means Better Health" — had particular relevance for Israel. Although the supply of pure water was largely the concern of the Government and of local councils, the individual citizen must also exercise due care.

Advises Mass Tests For Cancer

NEW YORK, Saturday. — Dr. Claude R. Hitchcock, Director of a cancer detection centre at the University of Minnesota, says that the time has come to examine persons on a mass basis for cancer, as is done in the case of tuberculosis.

Reporting on a seven-year study of stomach and intestinal cancer, Dr. Hitchcock stated that 81 per cent of persons survived when the cancer was discovered before symptoms, while the survival rate was 57 per cent for those whose treatment began after symptoms. He spoke here to 150 physicians and surgeons attending a meeting sponsored by the National Cancer Institute. (USIS)

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Jewish Communists Teach Hate for Zionism, Says M.K.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

JAFFA, Saturday. — "Non-Jewish Communists learned to hate Zionism from Jewish Communists," Mr. Ya'acov Hazan, M.K., told a huge audience celebrating the 25th anniversary of the founding of Hashomer Hatzair in Bulgaria, at the Jaffor Cinema here today.

Bulgarian Jewry had not yet made its full contribution to life in this country, Mr. Hazan said, although they were in a unique position, being Sephardi Jews with a European background and culture, and therefore a link between the two.

Mr. Meir Ya'ari, M.K., Secretary-General of Mapam, and Councillor S. Levi, greeted the gathering.

Less than 150 metres away from the Mapam meeting, Mr. Meir Wilner, M.K., attacked Mapam and Abdut Ha'Avoda for not accepting the Communist Party as partners in their fight against Mapai. This followed an outburst against Mapai and Defence Minister Ben-Gurion.

The ovation which greeted every claim and challenge made by Mr. Wilner and which at times seemed almost to embarrass him, was in sharp contrast to the reception given to Dr. Moshe Sneh, M.K., who tried to speak in the Hatikva District yesterday. Hundreds of residents held up the meeting, and police had to be called when the Communist supporters began throwing stones. Fighting broke out and several persons were slightly injured.

20 Degrees Difference In Freak Weather

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — An unusually late spell of wintry weather did much to spoil this Passover weekend for local residents and thousands of tourists who a week ago were sweltering in the record-breaking sharav. Temperatures last Saturday were some 20 degrees above today's.

Torrential rain fell in many parts of the country last night, and today. The southern Negev missed the rain, though it fell heavily in the Beersheba district.

Though the belated rain is likely, even at this late stage, to help farmers in sowing their summer crops, it has caused damage to bales of hay in the fields.

Work Accumulates In Haifa Port

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Saturday. — Work is piling up in Haifa Port. Seventeen cargo ships were handled yesterday, while another four were waiting in the Bay to be unloaded. Today, two more ships arrived. The bad weather and the holiday slowed the work which is expected to be shifted to full gear tomorrow.

No ships were sent to the Kishon Harbour, which, after handling two vessels, appears now to be enjoying the holiday even on week-days.

Haifa had a winter week-end with intermittent rain, strong winds and thunderstorms. The weather was also cold enough for winter coats.

In various parts of Galilee and the Jordan Valley, intermittent rain fell today, accompanied by thunder and lightning. The amount of rain varied, but farmers said that, though late, the rainfall would be good for summer crops.

Police Prerogative To Take Fingerprints

The police had a right to request a man's fingerprints, but not to exercise that power arbitrarily. This was the burden of the High Court's reasoned judgment to their rejection of the appeal made by Mr. Mun'im Jarjura, a Communist member of the Nazareth Municipality, and four other Arabs against their being sentenced for refusing to allow their fingerprints to be taken.

The High Court underlined the necessity for an efficient fingerprint identity system to ensure that criminals are brought to justice, and no public stigma should be attached to fingerprinting. The judgment stated that Mr Jarjura and his associates had not proved that the police had violated in any way the terms of the law regarding the taking of fingerprints.

The High Court was composed of Justices Olshan, (President), Sussman and Witkon. Mr. G. Bach, Assistant Attorney General, appeared for the State, and Mr. S. Landau for the appellants.

District Attorney, Aide Get Their Men

The Jerusalem District Attorney, Mr. E. Hedaya, and his assistant, Mr. M. Kahn, turned policemen last Thursday evening when they both chased a housebreaker down King George Avenue, caught him and handed him over to the police. Their "catch" led to a second one early the next morning by the police themselves.

Mr. Kahn saw the first burglar forcing his way into his home in the early evening. Police investigation brought to light that, together with an accomplice, he had committed a series of burglaries in the city in recent weeks. The police immediately began a thorough search for the accomplice, setting up check points on roads leading from the capital. They caught him in a taxi on its way from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv.

Most of the valuables stolen have since been recovered as a result of prompt police interrogation of jewellers and pawnbrokers. The investigation of the thieves, who are about 20 years old, continues.

World Bank May Invest More in Middle East

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuter). — Mr. Eugene Black, President of the World Bank, said on Thursday that the bank was "greatly interested" in expanding its operation in the Middle East.

He made the statement in reply to a plea for more loans for the region made by the Egyptian delegate, Ismail Fahmy, during a debate on the bank's annual report by the U.N. Economic and Social Council.

Mr. Black said the bank had recently established a regional office for the area in Beirut. He hoped to be in a position to announce "great activity" in Egypt, Lebanon and other countries next year.

Regarding investment of foreign capital in Egypt, Fahmy said, "The policy of my Government is aimed at attracting foreign capital by granting it the necessary guarantees. We in Egypt give high priority to those projects which ultimately will tend to increase our productive power and national income."

10,000 Jobless 'No Tragedy' — Myerson

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — After absorbing more than 750,000 immigrants, having up to 10,000 unemployed was not a tragedy, the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, told thousands who attended a Mapai-sponsored open-air meeting in the Hatikva District here today. She said that the unemployed were concentrated in the bigger towns.

Opponents of Mapai charged it with election tactics every time it made a constructive suggestion, Mrs. Myerson said. She reminded her listeners that the Shikun Amami popular housing scheme initiated by Mapai had been called an election stunt four years ago.

Commenting on the bad roads in the district, the Minister said that the heads of the municipality here did not know how to build roads like their opposite numbers in Acre, Beersheba and Ashkelon.

British Jewry to Mark Independence Day

LONDON, Saturday (INA). — In a communication to ministers of synagogues, Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie announced that he has decided that British Jewry would mark Independence Day in Israel with a fitting religious celebration of "rejoicing and thanksgiving."

He said that the decision was taken after he had received numerous representations in recent years for appropriate ceremonies. He requested that on the Sabbath preceding Independence Day, special psalms and prayers be recited and that "Adon Olam" be sung to the tune of "Hatikvah." On the eve of the anniversary special services will be held in synagogues to mark the occasion.

BEARER BOND PRIZES

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — At the 40th drawing of the second series, Mandatory Bearer Bonds, here today, 192316 won the IL1,000 prize, and 137302, IL500. Prizes of IL250 went to 179413 and 176093. There were also prizes of IL100 and IL50.

In the 36th drawing of the fourth series 753765 won IL814-448; 574287, IL330.812; and 713866, IL169.600.

Dog Stops Fire, Saves Family, Eats Steak

TOKYO, Saturday (UP). — Akao, a dog, chewed on a four-pound beefsteak and wore a hero's collar today — rewards for putting out a fire with a blanket and waking a sleeping family.

The Tokyo fire department made the awards for the dog's firefighting ability demonstrated on Jan. 15 when Akao sniffed smoke in his master's home.

It was reported that the dog first raced upstairs to waken the sleeping family and then jumped into the flames with a blanket in his teeth, extinguishing the flames.

PLUNGE. — A crowded bus plunged 1,000 feet down a mountainside near Catamarca, Argentina, on Friday, killing 19 persons and injuring 14.

Teen-Ager Saves Four Children from Fire

CHICAGO, Saturday (Reuter). — A 13-year-old girl, Rosemary Pacheco, leaning out of the window of a second floor flat which was on fire, caught the attention of a passer-by and dropped her 11-months-old sister into his arms.

She then leapt to the pavement, bruising her knees.

She had led two sisters and a brother downstairs to safety and then returned to a smoke-filled bedroom to save her baby sister. The other children did not get hurt.

7 Lost in Blaze

TACOMA, Washington, Saturday (UP). — Six children and an adult perished early this morning when they were trapped in a fire which engulfed and destroyed a home here.

SIX DIE WHEN PLANE CRASHES IN AUSTRALIA

BRISBANE, Saturday (UP). — An Australian Air Force bomber carrying a two-year-old girl who needed an emergency blood transfusion, crashed in timber country near the Queensland-New South Wales border in early morning darkness today. All six persons aboard were killed.

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Cables in Brief

COMMUTED. — President Rene Coty of France on Friday commuted to life imprisonment at hard labour the death sentence passed on Wilhelm Korf, a Gestapo sergeant found guilty by a military court last year of murdering six French monks.

BURMA. — Burmese troops have captured six mountain positions from Chinese Nationalist guerrillas in the southern Shan States, the Burmese War Office announced on Friday. Burmese forces have been attacking the Formosa guerrillas for the last seven days.

GEOPHYSICS. — Soviet scientists have agreed to take part with the scientists of 32 other countries in world-wide research connected with the international geophysical year beginning on July 1, 1957, Moscow Radio said yesterday.

OLDEST. — Sweden's oldest inhabitant, Mrs. Maria Charlotta Johansson, celebrated her 107th birthday yesterday in Oskarshamn, southeast Sweden. Although Mrs. Johansson spends most of her day in bed, she was up in good time yesterday to receive birthday flowers, coffee and cakes from her 80-year-old daughter Alida who lives with her.

POLICE.—Three Egyptian police officials left Jersey City for home yesterday after a three-week study of U.S. police methods. Eleven other police officials who were in their group will leave by plane in a few days.

SCREEN. — Theda Bara, star of silent films, died at the age of 65 in Los Angeles on Friday. She was the first of the screen vamps and the personification of feminine wickedness in America's prohibition era. In all she made 40 films.

TWO-WAY. — A total of 121 West German youths fled to East Germany during March to evade serving in a future West German army, the East German news agency ADN said on Friday. West German refugee officials have announced that 8,000 East Germans fled to West Berlin in March.

COBALT. — An apparatus using radioactive cobalt is now being used by a machinery factory at Rostov-on-Don for checking the quality of important machine parts, Moscow radio reported on Friday.

RADIOACTIVITY. — The American National Academy of sciences has announced that it would set up a committee of eminent scientists to study the effect of atomic radiation on human biology.

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COLD WAR ON HEALTH FRONT

A SPECIES of cold war has been waged over the past two years by two bodies who are to a large extent dependent on each other, and on which the Israel citizen is largely dependent for his health and welfare—the Ministry of Health and Kupat Holim, the Workers' Sick Fund. Apart from covering the medical requirements of Histadrut members — whose political affiliations range from the Oved Dati (Religious Workers) and General Zionist workers to the Communists, the Fund also accepts members of other labour organizations, such as the Mizrahi Workers, youth groups, and professional associations, as well as employees of large enterprises en bloc and their families, and today caters to some 900,000 men, women and children, or almost 64 per cent of the population. Last year, Kupat Holim spent IL38m. and expects to spend about one fifth as much again this year, the bulk of it on its 900 clinics in all parts of the country, on its rural hospitals, invalid care, and the hospitalization of its members in Government, Hadassah or Municipal hospitals.

Now the complaint of the Ministry of Health against Kupat Holim, as expressed by the Minister, Mr. Y. Serlin, has not been mainly that their service is inadequate or inefficient but rather that it has usurped a function of the State and clings to it as a political asset, and by its existence prevents the establishment of a national health system, and thus deprives the rest of the population of the health care it should have. As against this, the Sick Fund replies that it preceded the State by a good number of years, that medical insurance by means of voluntary regular payments is the best means for the mass of people to pay their doctor, and also that it has shown the greatest willingness to extend its services to all organized groups prepared to help shoulder the burden, without any reference to political affiliations, and without even the requirement that every member of the Sick Fund must automatically be a member of the Histadrut. With pardonable pride, Kupat Holim points out that its members have saved and worked for more than a generation, and that the State is in no position to buy out the Sick Fund, even if it wished to do so because it would have neither the means nor the men to run it, were the Histadrut framework withdrawn. Instead, it asks for a stepping up of Government contributions from the present six per cent to ten per cent of its expenditure, and asks that it should be considered by the Ministry of Health as an asset, and not as a political conspiracy run by what Mr. Serlin has publicly termed the "Kupat Holim Party."

There are difficulties. Under the Mandate, public health provisions were sketchy, and geared to Arab requirements, so that Jewish organizations were bound to fill the vacuum. This resulted in the parallel growth of the Hadassah Medical Organization, Kupat Holim, and a municipal network in the Jewish areas, each trying to cover whatever service seemed most urgent at any given time. In the course of the years Kupat Holim and Hadassah coordinated their services but today there is overlapping in some fields, and a village may be visited by three or four different health services but yet have no continuous medical aid available. Great strides have been made in cooperation lately in the building of hospitals jointly by several bodies and the pooling, for instance, of the facilities for tubercular patients. This process of coordination may perhaps prove the chief task of the joint Medical Council which has been somewhat slow at getting to work. By rights, it should have been an important function of the Health Ministry, but Mr. Serlin can scarcely be successful as a coordinator. He sees not the tens of thousands of families as people who compose Kupat Holim and are benefitting from the services of their own organization, but only the organization of nine - hundred thousand people in the labour movement as a fatal obstruction between his General Zionist Party and the voters they must catch.

Party Profiles: Agudat Yisrael

No Compromise with Secularism

By GERDA LUFT

ZALMAN Ben-Yaakov, one of the three representatives of Agudat Yisrael in the Knesset, defines his party's programme in one sentence: to solve every problem that faces us according to religious law. This sounds both simple and convincing until one recalls that the people who fight for it refuse to adapt it to 20th century conditions. And when Mr. Ben-Yaakov adds that his is the only party which does not compromise, we begin to think of traffic which cannot pass through certain quarters of Jerusalem on Saturday, of the fight about military service for girls, and of the fear of a *Kulturkampf* which prevented the majority of the Knesset from adopting a constitution for the State of Israel.

Agudat Yisrael was founded in Katowice in 1912 in order to solve the questions of Jewry in the spirit of the Torah. The Jews of Eastern Europe had by then broken down the walls of the ghettos and gone in search of secular knowledge. In Western Europe, assimilation was beginning to make headway: the old-fashioned *Yeshivot*, fortresses of Jewish learning and of the Orthodox way of life, were becoming empty and their teachers feared that there would be no disciples.

The First World War interrupted attempts to organize Orthodox Jewry on a world scale, and only in 1919 was the first world congress of Agudat Yisrael convened in Zurich. Frankfurt, the pivot of Orthodox Jewry in Germany became one of the Aguda's centres; the second was Vienna and Warsaw the third. In 1922 the movement decided to take an active part in the rebuilding of Jewish Palestine.

This decision was taken only after protracted soul-searching, and it did not mean Agudat Yisrael was joining the Zionist camp, although it had made attempts to come to an agreement with the Zionist Organization as early as 1919. For Agudat Yisrael believed that not the strivings of Man but only the will of God would restore Palestine to the Jewish people. It believes the Jews to be different from other peoples, God to be their sovereign, the Torah their law and Israel their land — to be settled only according to the command of the Torah.

Fight on Two Fronts

This approach was very difficult to reconcile with the Zionist idea which was based on self-help in restoring a territory to the Jewish people and giving it a status similar to that of other nations. Thus, Agudat Yisrael grew up in a fight against assimilation and all the left Jewish groups which flourished in the first decades of the century, especially in Eastern Europe, on the one hand, against the Zionist Organization on the other.

The fight found its expression in the movement's approach to national reconstruction. While the Zionist Organization started settlements and developed the towns, Agudat Yisrael went in for Yeshivot and remained aloof from the organization of the Yishuv. It did not join the national Assefat Hanivcharim, because women sat there as representatives together with men. It remained outside the Knesset Yisrael, which was recognized by the Mandatory Government, and outside the network of Hebrew Schools built up by the Zionists. It opposed the Jewish National Fund, since it was an instrument of the Zionist Organization. It tried to protect the past against the future.

The movement's stronghold in Europe was Poland, where it was represented in the national legislature, and captured a number of Jewish community administrators *(Kehillot)*. It was in Poland, too, that the foundation was laid for an organization of Orthodox Jewish workers, the Poalei Agudat Yisrael, which was to acquire importance here.

With the inception of the State, the differences between Agudat Yisrael and Zionism acquired a different hue and greater importance. The separatism which was characteristic of Agudat Yisrael had to be given up to a certain extent, as there was no longer any foreign authority to mediate between the two movements. But the conflict continued almost insoluble from the theoretical point of view. If God was the sovereign of the Jewish people and the Torah the law of the land, what about the laws made by the Knesset? The answer of the representatives of Agudat Yisrael today is that they are loyal citizens of Israel. But they hasten to add that they are the only party which does not compromise and they have repeatedly demonstrated what they meant by this, for instance in their fight for the observation of the Sabbath in Jerusalem or in their opposition to military service for girls.

Within the framework of the State, Agudat Yisrael has succeeded in keeping much of its cultural independence. It continues to educate its children in its own schools, where religious instruction is still the pivot of the studies, although they follow the general syllabus laid down by the Ministry of Education. The Aguda tries to lead as many youngsters as possible on to the *Yeshivot*, dedicating them to religious learning throughout their life.

All in all, in its kindergartens, seminaries and various educational institutions, Agudat Yisrael has roughly 24,000 pupils today. It publishes a daily newspaper, "Hamodia," and maintains a workers' organization. Today, the Aguda's only settlements are one Mosher Ovdim, Komemiut, and two children's villages. As we shall see later, agricultural settlement was taken up with greater vigour by its workers' organization, Poalei Agudat Yisrael, which is now separate from the parent body.

With mass immigration, Agudat Yisrael saw the opportunity of recruiting new members among the immigrants from oriental countries, mainly the Yemen and North Africa, where strict observance of the Torah and a purely patriarchal way of life are still the rule among a large part of the Jewish community. According to estimates, roughly one half of the Party's membership is drawn from oriental communities.

Economic Projects

To a certain extent, Agudat Yisrael has followed the lead of other parties in this country by branching out into social and economic activities. It is planning its own bank and its own housing project. It has also done its best to increase its influence abroad. The Knessia *Hagdola*, its international convention in Jerusalem last year, was an important occasion for fund-raising and the recruitment of new members.

The party's representatives speak with confidence of success in the coming Knesset elections, as a number of pupils in Aguda schools have obtained the right to vote since 1951. Nevertheless, there is little doubt that the party's avowed goal to restore the Torah as the all-embracing law of the land, has little prospect of being realized. The Aguda's beliefs and the way of life which they entail, have rendered absorption in our new national patterns difficult for its adherents.

Apartheid Cuts Down Bantu Schools

By CYRIL DUNN

JOHANNESBURG, (OFNS)— WHEN the South African Nationalist Government's new Bantu Education Act came into force, on April 1, the Anglican (Church of England) Mission schools for African children in the Diocese of Johannesburg were closed.

There were 90 of these schools who came to a melancholy end. They taught over 14,000 children.

Twenty-seven schools were shut down by the Government in the interest of *apartheid* (racial segregation) policy. The remaining 23 are to be closed as schools by the Anglican Mission itself because it has refused either to hand premises over to the Government or to accept a reduced Government subsidy. The Anglicans will not implement the new Act, which they believe to be designed to prevent African children from getting a true education, and will not foster in any way a policy they hold to be un-Christian.

This latest step is one of the most far-reaching yet taken by the South African Nationalist Government to implement its *apartheid* policy.

The declared aim of the Government, simply stated, is to adapt the curriculum to the nature and ability of the Native and to the needs of his environment. But it has at once to be added that Bantu children are brought up thinking of themselves as separate and different from the other South African communities. The "nature and ability of the Native" will be determined by the Minister for Native Affairs, Dr. Verwoerd, who has described African farm workers as "oxen."

There is no suggestion of a "separate but equal" education for black children now. Dr. Verwoerd says: "Of course there'll be discriminations. There always has been." In the Nationalists' view it stands to reason that what is taught to the average European child cannot possibly be taught to the average child in a Native location.

Certainly the new education will not be the same as the missions have taught. The Nationalists think that was the worst possible kind for Africans. By giving them false expectations, they say it has turned the Africans into frustrated people who have wanted more from life than South Africa could give them.

"People who believe in equality are not desirable teachers for Natives," Dr. Verwoerd has said. Mission teachers have produced Africans who "feel themselves to be members of a wider community than their own." Obviously, if there was to be *apartheid* this had to stop.

What the new school curriculum will be nobody knows precisely. But there has been a good deal of spadework and probably accurate guessing. The inquiry undertaken before the Act was framed laid it down, for instance, that the Native needs to know only enough English and Afrikaans for him to be able to understand the instructions given to him by Europeans or to carry on a simple conversation with his European employer about his work. And teachers of mathematics in mission schools are curious to know what can be done in their line, using an African language which does not aspire to count beyond five and in which the larger numerals, such as eight, are indicated by such expedients as "ten-broken-two."

The Government claims that they will educate far more African children and, considering the means they propose, this may well be true. There is to be a shortened course of four years which will take the children up to the present minimum standard. The time each child spends in school will be severely cut and there will be a two-shift system for them all.

The Government adds that of course the "bright" child will be encouraged to go forward. Other experts, however, are sure that the new system of primary education will automatically solve the other serious problem confronting Dr. Verwoerd — how to prevent the brighter Bantu from getting a European university education and ceasing as a result to be a true Bantu.

The Bantu Education Act will, in the opinion of these experts, ultimately eliminate Africans from South African universities. This might well come as a relief to the Government, which has been told that to set up segregated universities would cost an "impossible" amount, and that they would be no good even if they were cheap.

Finally, the Government's plans for financing Bantu education do not suggest that it will reach a very high level. There is to be a State grant of £6.5m. and that is to be "pegged" even though the African population is expanding. In addition, four-fifths of the money raised by Native taxation is to be spent on Native education — at the moment, less than half the Government grant.

In the judgment of the Afrikaner Nationalists this is an excellent arrangement. If the Bantu want to extend education for their children then they must pay for it themselves. If the Europeans were to carry the extra cost, then (to use Dr. Verwoerd's words again) "they would not be able to maintain the economic position which is necessary if they are to continue their task of raising the non-European people."

There are one or two things to be said about this argument. The Africans are far and away the poorest group in the South African Community, and the biggest. Only 40 per cent of their children go to school now, mainly because of the poverty of Bantu parents. How can they be expected progressively to educate the other 60 per cent? And as the Bantu community, under the new system, becomes progressively less educated, it will become progressively less able to earn high wages.

Opposition Opposes

The Institute of Race Relations here has pointed out that these Nationalist notions of public finance go clean contrary to the well-nigh universally accepted principle that the State provides elementary education for all and that the cost of it is borne by the country as a whole. Even the United Party — the Parliamentary Opposition — doubts if the money the Government is providing will be enough to give the young African "any kind of education"; their spokesman hastened to add that to say the United Party wanted the same type of education for Natives as for Europeans was "an exaggeration."

A more forthright view is expressed by the South African Labour Party. It declares that the aim of the Bantu Education Act is "to keep the largest section of the population in the lowest stratum of society for as long as the Nationalist Party is in power."

Friday's Press:

UK Guarantee To Israel Asked

WELCOMING Sir Anthony Eden's recent Parliament statement reiterating support for the 1950 Tripartite Declaration and expressing willingness to act for peace in the Middle East, "Davar" (Histadrut) adds that Britain has taken upon herself quite specific obligations in relation to Jordan, Iraq, Egypt etc. The fact that Mr. Eden, moreover, means to postpone any guarantee to Israel until after the signature of a peace treaty with the Arab countries makes the whole matter extremely problematical. Guarantees are needed now, at a time Britain as well as other big powers are building up an Arab military alliance which is objectively directed against Israel. Eden's reference to border revisions as one of three preconditions of peace may also create very harmful illusions in the Arab capitals and Israel should ask for further clarification.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) knows that postponement of the Security Council debate on the Israel complaint was inevitable. But it recalls that when this same Council dealt with the Egyptian complaint on Gaza, the representatives of the powers did not hesitate to condemn Israel at the very first session, though the Egyptian complaint referred only to an act of retaliation. The situation is a ludicrous one: the Security Council has banned retaliation but it has not come out unequivocally against the acts of aggression which provoke it.

"Lamerhav" (Ahdut Ha'avoda) believes that the U.N. observers have condemned Israel together with Egypt for the Egyptian attack of March 30 in order to keep the account "balanced" and to weaken the impact of the Israel complaint to the Security Council. Dr. Yohanan Bader, to whom the complaint to the Security Council makes no sense at all, accuses Mr. Ben-Gurion in "Herut" of supporting the policy of appeasement followed by Mr. Sharett.

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) comments on the report of the Director of the Bank of Israel while "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) deals with the bankruptcy of Mizrahi, the General Zionists and Herut, whose representatives are responsible for the sad state of affairs in Jerusalem. The paper also criticises the changes proposed by Mapai and says that it will fight for a municipality headed by workers' representatives, and generally speaking for the "democratization of municipal rule." "Zmanim" (Progressive) and "Omer" (Histadrut) dwell in their editorials on the "end of the Churchill era."

Points from Letters

CIVIL MARRIAGE: PRO AND CON

Mr. Barak is urged to take "the democratic way" and to wait until some member of the Knesset is prepared to introduce a bill providing for civil marriage. Since when have democratic processes ceased to include strikes of any and all kinds? Is it all right for lawyers, doctors and students to use this pressure, and wrong for a private citizen to strike for a right granted in every civilized country but refused in Israel? Everyone knows that the processes of Democracy are not limited to the introduction of a bill in a parliamentary body. Why, then, permit ourselves the hypocrisy of pious appeals to young people whose problem we refuse to consider seriously?

NORMAN JACOBS

I came to this country as a pioneer in 1946 and helped build up a settlement. I served in the Israel Army during the war. I pay my taxes and I serve in the Reserve Army. My grandfathers on both sides were Rabbis and my parents were married through the Rabbinate. Why should I be forced to marry the Jewish girl I love through a representative of the Rabbinate? I deeply love Israel and have the utmost respect for its Knesset. However I feel that our State which I helped build up and defend is depriving me of a basic right: my right to marry before a representative of the State.

CITIZEN
(Name and address supplied)

Seven years ago, my husband, a Jew, and I, a Dutch Christian, were married before the Dutch Consul in Jerusalem because there was no alternative. Meanwhile, two children were born to us, but according to Israel law, my husband is free to marry . . . my children are not "mine" . . . they bear my husband's name which I do not, according to Israel law; I have no rights whatsoever.

A PATIENTLY WAITING WIFE
(Name and address supplied)

Pardon my remarks, as a visitor from England should not flaunt her ideas on how this country should be governed, but I sincerely hope the Knesset will not give way to allowing civil marriages. The Diaspora is watching Israel very keenly and Israel should set an example. Germany has been enough of a lesson for people to know better.

(Mrs.) B. MARCO

How dare H. Langbank (your issue of March 22) couple Nazi Germany and Israel in one breath? The facts are that Nazi Germany recognized neither Jew nor Christian — neither Judaism nor Christianity; only the Aryan race. Those who had been Christians for generations were uprooted and destroyed because the blood of the "inferior race" coursed in them. In direct and violent contrast, here in Israel, any Gentile of any colour, race or creed may marry a Jew if he embraces Judaism.

E. NOY

If Mr. Langbank (your issue of March 29) had taken the trouble to read my letter (issue of March 7) more carefully, he would not have made me again of the very misrepresentation that I deprecated, that "barely one-eighth of the voters" support the laws passed by the Knesset which conform to Jewish Law. Disconcerting as it may be for some, the fact remains that there are many observant Jews in the country who did not vote for the religious parties and that, furthermore, the Bar rebuttal published polls held in Israel bear out that perhaps a majority of the population support the religious parties on basic issues.

Throughout the long history of the Jewish people, the religious and national elements of communal life were interlinked. In this era of restored statehood, the question is mooted whether the national component could be divorced from the religious without jeopardizing our people's existence. Those who maintain that such a separation can, and even should, take place, must, in the final analysis, be prepared to accept Jews of the Christian or Moslem faiths for phenomena of this sort would be the inevitable outcome of such a policy. Those, on the other hand, who foresee chaos and the ultimate disintegration of the Jewish people if such a course is adopted are entirely within their rights, for national reasons alone, when they combat this tendency. While they would not expect the non-observant to care for the intrinsic worth of religious precepts, they would expect him to appreciate the functional value of the basic tenets of Jewish Law in the preservation of the Jwish people.

ARYEH FISHMAN

NURSE SHORTAGE — The shortage of nurses for work in schools and kindergartens, mentioned recently by the Director-General of the Ministry of Health, could be alleviated if two steps were taken. First, use should be made of the services of the many older or married nurses who would like to do part-time work on a permanent basis. Refresher courses could be given for nurses who wish to return to their profession after a long interval. Secondly, a mastery of the Hebrew language should not be a pre-requisite. Nursing at schools or clinics involves practical work, too, which does not necessarily require a good spoken knowledge of Hebrew and such a nurse could in the course of time acquire much of what she needs in dealing with the public. Israel cannot afford to lose the knowledge and experience of such nurses.

L. ROSE

ENGINEERS' CONFERENCE— The Minister of Labour has urged the profession to find ways of cutting costs and speeding production. The way is simple: bring the wage system for engineers and architects up to a level which will really enable them to advance their knowledge and skill, by giving them the possibility of buying books and technical periodicals to keep them abreast of progress abroad and preventing their having to supplement their regular income by private work which impairs their efficiency and prevents their full concentration on their jobs.

ENGINEER

Beersheba.

MUSICAL DIARY

"Nadavtiv" (Vows) an opera in two acts with prologue by Karel Salomon, conducted by Georg Singer. With Eliahu Bahat, Antonia Lavanne, Joseph Pollak, Rema Samsonov, Selina Alfandari, Yehoshua Stiel, Ephraim Di-Zahav, Yehuda Ben-Zvi, Ephraim Wagner, Renee Cohen, the Kol Yisrael Orchestra and the Choir of Kol Zion Lagola.

THE opera, which will receive its world *premiere* tonight at the Ein Gev Festival, was recorded for the radio on Wednesday. It is a story with a moral. The prologue is based on the tale of Jephthah's vow; the two acts tell the legend about the great mediaeval poet, Yehuda Halevi of Toledo, who vowed in anger to give his daughter to the first man that should ask for her.

Though the work is defined as an opera by the composer (who also wrote the libretto) its partly static character gave us the impression that it is a scenic cantata rather than a *dramma per musica*. The freely handled modulations and sometimes daringly effective harmonic texture never go beyond the frame of tonality; the scalar chromaticism has its roots in Richard Strauss' "Salome" and even more in "Electra." The timbres are a new development in the composer's orchestral technique.

Despite the romantic undertone, Salomon often employes strict form (the choral fugue in Act One, Scene Two): Classical patterns came into fashion in music for the stage after Alban Berg's "Wozzeck." It is a useful method of establishing unity.

Besides strongly expressive passages there are several descriptive sections, as where the use of the plucked string instrument suggests the atmosphere of Spain. What we missed was more of the lyrical element, which would have contrasted with the declamatory dialogues; and the tension, too homogeneous, could have been built up around more concentrated focal points, leaving moments of intimate tranquillity.

We specially liked the duet between Lea (Alfandari) and Rahel (Samsonov) with its asymmetrical East Mediterranean rhythms recalling the composer of the "Suite on Greek Themes"; and the choral section of the prologue (male voices), which effectively evoked the legendary past.

Among the cast the first prize goes to the conductor, who succeeded in the incredibly short period he had for preparation in producing a creative and dynamic performance. Rema Samsonov (mezzo-soprano) has all the qualities to create the illusion of the musical stage. Miss Alfandari's sweet soprano was truly enjoyable, and so was Antonia Lavanne in her cultured and distilled passages in the prologue. Despite the solid material, Joseph Pollak, the baritone, was much too contemplative to be an effective central figure. The orchestra was in good form; the same could not be said of the generally qualified Kol Zion Lagola vocal ensemble.

Jerusalem Labour Council Schubert Evening: Ada Schor, mezzo soprano, Edith Weltner, piano (Beit Habalfanot, April 6).

ADA Schor sings in an accomplished manner, though she was out of tune in the opening number. Her voice is expressive, and she succeeded in rendering movingly gems of the *Lied* in Hebrew as well as in German. The performance of the pianist, on the other hand, sounded as though it were a reading at sight.

FRANGO

Haifa Chamber Music Society. Lorand Fenyves, violin; Alice Bosenberg-Fenyves, violin; David Leia, viola; Thelma Yellin, cello; (Beit Harota, April 3). Haydn: String Quartet in D major op. 64, no. 5 ("The Lark"); Debussy: String Quartet in G minor op. 10; Brahms: String Quartet in B-flat major op. 67.

THE excellent reading that the artists gave to all three works, the good spirit and the obvious delight which they took in playing, left the audience doubly sorry that the season was over. The Society, managed by Dr. Gruenwald, faces high expenses. It is not subsidized by any public funds, but the number of subscribers — now 300—is steadily growing.

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